

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly strike page 3 lines 17-24 (pars. [0012]-[0015] of corresponding US Publ. 2006/0253992) and replace as follows:

FIG. 1 is a ~~schematic view~~ simplified top plan view of a pad according to the invention;

FIG. 2 is a schematic ~~view showing the retaining means of the cells of the pad~~ top view conceptually illustrating the bends in the cells 2 of the pad induced by the loop straps 1 and anchored cell ends 3;

FIG. 3 is a schematic ~~view of the retaining means of a preferred embodiment of the invention; and~~ top view conceptually illustrating an end length of a cell 2 within loop strap 1, and the bend induced in the inflated cell 2 when anchor hook 20 (see FIG. 4) secures the cell end to the pad base 12; and

FIG. 4 is a plan view of the ~~retaining means in~~ anchor hook 20 of FIG. 3.